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SUBJECT: EVACUATION FROM LEBANON

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HOST GOVERNMENTS STILL MAINTAIN EM-BASSIES OR OFFICIAL PERSONNEL IN BEIRUT. CONSEQUENTLY, WE WISH THEM TO BE INFORMED THAT WE PLAN TO CONDUCT FURTHER EVACUATION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS FROM BEIRUT JULY 20. MANNER OF DEPARTURE STILL BEING CONSIDERED. TEXT OF OUR ANNOUNCEMENT, BELOW, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN BEIRUT FRIDAY, JULY 16 AND WILL BE CARRIED ON VOA AND BBC BEGINNING EARLY MORNING JULY 16 BEIRUT TIME. YOU SHOULD INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT OUR ANNOUNCEMENT MAKES CLEAR THAT WE WILL BE PREPARED TO HAVE THEIR CITIZENS PARTICIPATE TO THE EXTENT OUR RESOURCES PERMIT. UK ALREADY INFORMED.

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2. BEGIN TEXT: (TITLE: AMERICAN EMBASSY ORGANIZING
GROUP DEPARTURE FOR JULY 20)

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IN BEIRUT WISHES TO INFORM ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS STILL IN LEBANON THAT IT WILL BE ELIMINATING THE MAJORITY OF ITS FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING CONSULAR SERVICES, AS OF MONDAY, JULY 19. IT IS FORCED TO TAKE THIS STEP BY THE INCREASING DIFFICULTIES OF OPERATING IN BEIRUT, WHICH REQUIRE THE REDUCTION OF THE EMBASSY STAFF TO A BARE MINIMUM. THE EMBASSY WILL NO LONGER HAVE THE CAPABILITY EFFECTIVELY TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY AFTER THAT DATE. WE THEREFORE STRONGLY URGE ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AT THIS TIME.

THE EMBASSY IS ARRANGING TRANSPORTATION FOR DEPARTURE FROM WEST BEIRUT ON TUESDAY, JULY 20. DETAILS OF ASSEMBLY ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEPARTURE WILL BE BROADCAST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND AT THAT TIME INFORMATION CAN ALSO BE SECURED BY EITHER VISITING OR TELEPHONING THE EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION, TELEPHONE 361800 OR 348319. AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE URGED MEANWHILE TO INFORM THE EMBASSY BY NOON SUNDAY, JULY 18, IF THEY PLAN TO DEPART ON JULY 20.

CITIZENS OF OTHER COUNTRIES WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ORGANIZED DEPARTURE SHOULD CONTACT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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